

NUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES AND SOLUTIONS

POTASSIUM DEFICIENCY

Symptoms: Brown scorching and curling of leaf tips as well as yellow leaf veins.

Solution: Banana peels: bury the peels an inch into your soil. Adequate moisture is key for effective potassium uptake.

PHOSPHORUS DEFICIENCY

Symptoms: Edges of the leaf turns dark and stem turns into reddish or purplish color.

Solution: Add bone meal or manure to soil. You can also use the water from your fish tank if you have one – just make sure it is not from salt water tank.

NITROGEN DEFICIENCY

Symptoms: Leaves turn completely yellow and stunted growth.

Solution: Add coffee grounds to soil. You can also add manure or plant nitrogen fixing plants such as peas or beans.



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MAGNESIUM DEFICIENCY

Symptoms: Yellowing between the leaf veins and around the leaf margins.

Solution: Add Epsom salt on top of the soil (before watering) You can also use a magnesium leaf spray with Epsom salts on potatoes for a quick, temporary solution if the weather is hot and dry.

CALCIUM DEFICIENCY

Symptoms: Curling of the leaves, weak or dying stems, fruit is afflicted with blossom end rot.

Solution: Add crushed egg shells into the soil.

